

## How to get involved in the HSCB!

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- Community Data

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# Livingston HSCB

HUMAN SERVICES COLLABORATIVE BODY

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## What's New in Livingston?

### A Performance Measurement System!

The workgroups under the HSCB are undergoing training to utilize a new performance measurement system. This new system will allow the workgroups to identify, track and assess programmatic outcomes.

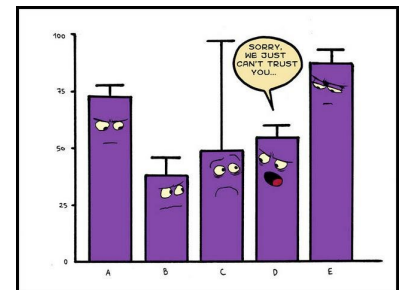
Over the past couple of years, the workgroups have really worked hard to identify and track the efforts and outcomes of their collaboration. This has been challenging at times, but the information has been very helpful in the planning for future goals.

In seeing this progress, the HSCB Community Needs Assessment and Evaluation Committee decided to look at ways to truly measure the progress. In exploring options, they connected with the Health Department who is using this

system with their Community Health Improvement Plan (CHIP). The new performance Management System is not a change to how we provide services and collaboration in the workgroups, but in how we track and communicate those efforts.

Over the next couple of months, the workgroup chairs and workgroups themselves will be undergoing the training to identify WHAT to measure and HOW to measure. The timeline for implementing this new system will be October 1st.

We look forward to sharing the data this new system will provide.



## Collaboration Works!

**Livingston County United Way** has just completed its annual Community Investments process for 2016-2017, with 58% of total funds invested in collective impact coalitions and initiatives, including **Homeless Continuum of Care Committee**, **Utility Assistance Task Force**, **Livingston County Hunger Council**, **Great Start Livingston**, and **Livingston Promise**.

Panels of community volunteers who make the funding recommendations were extremely impressed by the high-quality applications, strategic focus, long range planning, and creative ideas, as expressed during the coalitions' presentations, especially since this was the first time coalitions had the option to apply for multi-year funding. But even more impressive are the exciting things that are actually happening by working together. **HCC's Eviction Diversion**

**Program** with 53<sup>rd</sup> District Court is keeping families in their homes. **Summer Lunch Bunch** is rapidly expanding with the goal to serve 100,000 meals by summer of 2018. **Livingston Council for Youth** is launching new work based on the results of their community-wide youth survey in the schools. This community is coming together and building coalitions around substance use prevention. **Livingston Promise** is making sure that kids get a great start to life through high-quality pre-school.

**Livingston County United Way** focuses on community-wide initiatives that link resources, ideas and partners as part of something greater, in the areas of **Financial Stability**, **Every Child Ready**, and **Community Wellness**, with priorities centered on collective work, initiatives that benefit ALICE (Asset-Limited, Income-Constrained, Employed), and prevention.

For more information or to get involved, call 810-494-3000 or visit [www.lcunitedway.org](http://www.lcunitedway.org).



## Crazy Michigan Laws

Okay, since it is summer and a election year, I figured we could all do with some light humor. These are actual current and old laws on our Michigan books.

- ♦ Cars may not be sold on Sunday
- ♦ A woman isn't allowed to cut her own hair without her husband's permission
- ♦ It is legal for a robber to file a law suit, if he or she got hurt in your house
- ♦ In Clawson, there is a law that makes it legal for a farmer to sleep with his pigs, cows, horses, goats, and chickens
- ♦ In Detroit, it is illegal for a man to scowl at his wife on Sunday
- ♦ In Harper Woods, it is illegal to paint sparrows to sell them as parakeets
- ♦ In Kalamazoo, it is against the law to sere-nade your girlfriend
- ♦ In Rochester, all bathing suits must have been inspected by the head of police.
- ♦ It is illegal to let your pig run free in Detroit unless it has a ring in its nose
- ♦ In Grand Haven, no person shall throw an abandoned hoop skirt into any street or on any sidewalk, under penalty of a five- dollar fine for each offense

**LAWS**  
*you need to*  
**KNOW**

## Local Supports Groups

Livingston County Catholic Charities is offering some Support Groups for people struggling with substance use disorders and people caring for their loved ones experiencing Dementia and Alzheimer's.

The Engagement Group is offered for people struggling with substance use/abuse. The group is free and open to everyone! Group days are Monday (6p-7:30p), Wednesday (10:30a-12p) and Fridays (10a-11:30a) - come to one or come to all each week! We also have a Substance Abuse Coordinator that

carries a cell phone 24hrs a day - 517-375-1652. This

group meets at the main LCCC's office at 2020 East Grand River #103. For more information call 517-545-5944.

The Caregiver Support Group is for families caring for a loved one who is experiencing Dementia or Alzheimer's. The group meets every 3rd Wednesday of the month from 4:30-6:30. This group meets at the Be Our Guest Adult Day Service, located at 2020 East Grand River #103. For more information call 517-546-9910. Respite care is available during the group, but requires pre-registration.

## Budgets to Watch

The Area Agency on Aging 1b held the Livingston County Community Forum on Caregiver & Older Adult Services on February 29, 2016 at the Hartland Senior Center in Howell, MI. Over 48 older adults, caregivers, service providers and/or community members attended the forum in addition to AAA 1-B agency representatives. The Forum was held in partnership with the Livingston Leadership Council on Aging.

The forum testimony provides a basis for the development of the AAA 1-

B Fiscal Year 2017 -2019 Multi Year Plan. The funding

from the Multi Year Plan supports a range of community, in-home, social, nutritional, access, and long-term care services.

Livingston County's older adults and service providers testified about the necessity of the following services and the need to increase funding:

- ♦ Evidence Based Disease Prevention
- ♦ Home Injury Control
- ♦ Resource Advocacy

## Foster Families Needed!

Livingston County Catholic Charities are holding an orientation for persons interested in learning more about foster care.

Dates: 3rd Monday of the Month

Time: 5-7 PM

Place: LCCC

2020 E. Grand River #104

RSVP: Carrie Gaffney at 517-545-5944



- ♦ Community Living Program
- ♦ Volunteer Caregiver
- ♦ Home Delivered Meals
- ♦ Senior Centers
- ♦ Transportation

The Area Agency on Aging appreciates the feedback and ideas shared by the Livingston County Participants. Together we can make our programs response to our county residents' individual needs.



## Livingston Co. Community Celebration

It has been an exciting time for the Livingston County Community Alliance.

**Since April, 2011, LCCA's Big Red Barrels have collected approximately 2 tons of medication. This is equivalent to the weight of a mid-size SUV!**

The coalition recently partnered with the Michigan State Police to place a barrel in all 28 Michigan State Police Posts throughout the State. The LCCA received coverage as far away as Arizona for their accomplishments. The coalition is currently working with the local Walgreens stores to place a permanent drug disposal unit in each of their locations.

In March, the LCCA submitted a \$625,000/5 year federal grant that would increase community based drug prevention services. The LCCA will receive funding notification in August. The coalition wishes to thank its multiple community partners and members who volunteered their efforts.

In partnership with the Livingston COMMUNITY PREVENTION Project (LCPP), the coalition has also focused on preventing underage drinking. Efforts included:

- Conducting alcohol compliance checks with the

Michigan State Police. These checks revealed that 96% of Livingston County alcohol retailers said "No" when a minor attempted to purchase alcohol from a local retailer. This is an increase of 11% from last year! Offering local retailers with a training program designed to prevent intoxication, underage drinking, and drunk driving. There were 33 participants and 7 retailers that participated.

- Kicking-off the annual *Parents Who Host Lose the Most - Don't be a Party to Teenage Drinking- It's Against the Law* campaign. The campaign raises awareness of the social host laws in Michigan which state that it is illegal for minors to consume alcohol, regardless of whether a parent gives them permission to do so. Thank you to the Livingston County Prosecuting's Office for supporting our efforts!
- Implementing Project Sticker Shock in Brighton which has local youth place stickers on multi-packs of alcohol reminding buyers that it is illegal to purchase alcohol for minors.

The LCCA continues to recognize its volunteers, community members, and partners for their efforts in preventing local drug abuse. We look forward to an exciting and busy fall! To learn more about the LCCA, please contact Kaitlin at 517-545-5944.



## Livingston Story of Growth

Livingston County held a celebration on June 1st for the newly renovated Courthouse Plaza.



Commissioners Gary Childs and Carol Griffith presented a dedication for the courthouse plaza and then placed in the final brick.

The event was attended by local businesses, agencies, elected officials, staff of the Board Office and many other interested community residents. This included the men who built the plaza! It was a



beautiful day.

Next we will be hearing what events, music and other uses we can expect over this summer. Concerts at the Courthouse in downtown Howell will be held every Friday night at 7pm starting July 8th.

We are fortunate to have a County Board of Commissioners that not only support a vibrant and well used downtown area, but also put money and effort into it's success.

Looking forward to Summer on the NEW Courthouse Plaza!





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*Ensuring a system of support for members of our community.*

## What is the Purpose of the Livingston County HSCB?

The Livingston HSCB started in 1989 and was officially recognized as the county Multi-Purpose Collaborative Body by the state and county Board of Commissioners in 1995. Now, referred to as a Community Collaborative by the state, the HSCB is comprised of 26 appointed members that work together to coordinate health and human services across systems. The HSCB also:

- Develops strategies and programs to meet current and future needs
- Fiscally manages state-funded collaborative initiatives
- Monitors the effectiveness and efficiency of collaborative projects

The HSCB does this work through established committees and workgroups which have specific goals and objectives to complete. The HSCB and most workgroups meet monthly and consist of representatives from public and non-profit organizations, business, and interested residents of the county. To learn about the work of the HSCB, contact Anne Rennie at [arennie@cmhliv.org](mailto:arennie@cmhliv.org).

## Upcoming Events in Livingston

*"Individually, we are one drop.  
Together, we are an ocean."*

**Marion Township Heritage Days—June 11th and 12th**  
See their website for more details—[www.mariontownship.com](http://www.mariontownship.com)

**Summer Lunch Bunch—opens June 13th**  
The Salvation Army in coordination with the Hunger council and United Way, will be operating 9 full sites of Summer Lunch Bunch starting on June 13th. For more information, contact Liz Welch at [liz\\_welch@uscsalvationarmy.org](mailto:liz_welch@uscsalvationarmy.org)

**Howell Chamber of Commerce 32nd Annual Balloonfest—June 24th - 26th**  
See their website for more details—[www.michiganchallenge.com](http://www.michiganchallenge.com)

**Howell Courtyard Summer Concerts**  
Concerts will be on Friday Nights at 7pm starting July 8th

**Brighton Kiwanis Mill Pond Concerts**  
Concerts will be Sunday Nights at 7pm, starting July 10th. See [www.brightonkiwanis.com](http://www.brightonkiwanis.com) for the line-up

**Senior Power Day—August 5th**  
Pinckney High School will be the host for the 29th Annual Senior Power Day. For more information visit the Livingston County Consortium on Aging at [www.livingstoncoa.org](http://www.livingstoncoa.org).

**United Way's 15th Annual Day of Caring - August 17th**  
The high-impact event has grown over the years with 1,700 volunteers working at 110 worksites in 2015.

**Backpack and Connect for Kids Event—August 19th**  
Look for more information to come!

**NAMI Walks 2016—September 24th**  
To register a team:  
[www.namiwalks.org/detroit](http://www.namiwalks.org/detroit)



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